

In the Claims

1. (currently amended) A tongue cleaning device adapted to be pressed against a top surface of a user's mouth, comprising:

an elongated member integrally formed of a flexible material, said elongated member having a handle portion and a head portion;

said head portion ~~in~~ for contact with the top surface; and

a cleaning portion comprising a second layer attached to the head portion of said elongated member, said cleaning portion further comprising a plurality of cleaning projections protruding outwardly ~~from the head portion of said elongated member;~~

wherein said head portion of said elongated member is adapted to be pressed with the tongue against the top surface to conform the head portion to the shape thereof;

wherein said handle portion is of a deformable material for deforming around a user's teeth; and

wherein said head portion has a periphery which is sized and shaped to fit within the roof of a user's mouth.

2. (original) The tongue cleaning device of Claim 1 wherein said elongated member is integrally formed of a thin, flexible plastic material.

3. (original) The tongue cleaning device of Claim 1 wherein said cleaning portion comprises a backing material having an adhesive on a first surface thereof adhered

to the head portion of said elongated member, and having a plurality of projections protruding from a second surface thereof.

4. (original) The tongue cleaning device of Claim 3 wherein the plurality of projections comprise a plurality of fiber loops.

5. (original) The tongue cleaning device of Claim 4 wherein the cleaning portion comprises a loop portion of a hook-and-loop fastening system.

6. (original) The tongue cleaning device of Claim 1 further comprising an anti-septic or antimicrobial compound carried in said cleaning portion.

7. (original) The tongue cleaning device of Claim 1 wherein the head portion of said elongated member is wider than the handle portion of said elongated member.

8. (currently amended) A tongue cleaning device adapted to be pressed against a top surface of a user's mouth, comprising:

an elongated planar member integrally formed of a thin, flexible plastic material, said elongated member having a handle portion and a head portion;

said head portion in contact with the top surface; and

a cleaning portion comprising a backing material having an adhesive on a first surface thereof adhered to the head portion of said elongated member, and having a plurality of fiber loops protruding from a second surface thereof;

wherein said head portion of said elongated member is pressed with the tongue against the top surface to conform the head portion to the shape thereof;

wherein said handle portion is of a deformable material for deforming around a user's teeth; and

wherein said head portion has a periphery which is sized and shaped to fit within the roof of a user's mouth.

9. (original) The tongue cleaning device of Claim 8 wherein the cleaning portion comprises a loop portion of a hook-and-loop fastening system.

10. (original) The tongue cleaning device of Claim 8 further comprising an anti-septic or antimicrobial compound carried in said cleaning portion.

11. (original) The tongue cleaning device of Claim 8 wherein the head portion of said elongated member is wider than the handle portion of said elongated member

12. (currently amended) A tongue cleaning device adapted to be pressed against a top surface of a user's mouth, comprising:

an elongated member integrally formed of a thin, flexible plastic material, said elongated member having a handle portion and a head portion, the head portion having a width greater than a width of the handle portion;

said head portion ~~in~~ for contact with the top surface; and

a cleaning portion attached to the head portion of said elongated member, said cleaning portion comprising a backing material and a loop portion of a hook-and-loop fastening system; and

· an antiseptic or antimicrobial compound carried in said cleaning portion;

· wherein said head portion of said elongated member is adapted to be pressed with the tongue against the top surface to conform the head portion to the shape thereof;

· wherein said handle portion is of a deformable material for deforming around a user's teeth; and

· wherein said head portion has a periphery which is sized and shaped to fit within the roof of a user's mouth.